

Welcome Trojan!

Unchained Scholars is a student caucus composed of formerly incarcerated MSW, DSW and Ph.D students working with ally members to dismantle the barriers faced by people impacted by the criminal punishment system.

US works along with students, faculty and administration to create a culture that welcomes and supports students who are system impacted throughout their academic journey. We invite you to join us as a member or reach out to any of us for support on an individual basis. We hold leadership meetings twice per month, have one open meeting per month with a guest speaker and engage in various activities within the USC community and beyond.

Upholding the values and principles of the social work profession, we challenge beliefs, policies and systems that marginalize, stigmatize and dehumanize individuals with criminal records contributing to a cycle of economic and racialized oppression. Through advocacy and diverse community building we live the change we want to see.

We are determined to remove barriers that any student who has a carceral experience may anticipate and/or encounter here at USC. We believe that those who have had an incarceration experience themselves, or whose lives have been shaped by the incarceration of someone close to them, have a unique contribution to make to the field of social work and should be as encouraged as possible to rise because of and beyond it.

You can find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [EngageSC](#)

Fight on Unchained Scholars!